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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (By KB8NW) -- Dayton HamVention Wrap-up Report

Well, after many hours of lost sleep and walking many miles throughout the flea market and Hara area (my brother-in-law said we averaged over 5 miles a day), I am very burned out and still recovering in Tennessee a week later watching the grandkids (yea - like that is going to happen with a 1 and 3 year old)..... Anyway, the HamVention was still fun and interesting in spite of some rain. DXer's notable events:

* Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) DX Dinner award announces:
- K1N was awarded "DXpedition of the Year"
- Vlad, UA4WHX, was awarded "DXpeditioner of the Year"
- CQ Announced its 2015 Hall of Fame Inductees (see **OPDX.1214.2** or **http://cqnewsroom.blogspot.com/2015/05/cq-announces-2015-hall-of-fame-inductees.html**)

* DX Forum Presentations:
- VK9MT - Mellish Reef
- Don Miller, W9WNV
- EP6T Kish Island (Iran)
- K1N Navassa Island

In all, I really enjoyed myself especially with the huge crowd that attended the NODXA Hospitality Suite at the Dayton Crown Plaza all three nights -- where many well-known DXers/DXpeditioner show up every year. I had the great pleasure to meet and talk (for the first time) with CQ Hall of Famer Zorro Miyazawa, JH1AJT

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I hope to see you all again next year (May 20-22nd, 2016), and if you have not heard -- Hara Arena will be doing some renovations to the Hara complex whixh is expected to be completed by next year's show.....
Till next year.. 73 de Tedd KB8NW

P.S. I know I said that there probably would not be a bulletin this week, but since there was so much in my mailbox I figured I better send one out anyway.....

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 17th/May, through Sunday, 24th/May there were 219 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3V, TUNISIA

Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY) and Jun/JH4RHF will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-Op/ Single-TX/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or to LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at:

http://www.kf5eyy.info

4X, ISRAEL

Zvi, 4X6FR, will be active as 4X7R from Herzliya during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via 4X6OM.

5C, MOROCCO

Members of the URE Cartagena team will be active from the ARRAM HQ club station

(CN8MC) in Rabat as 5C5T during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via EA5YU, by the Spanish Bureau or direct. Operators mentioned are: Juan/EA5BLJ, Jose/EA5CP and Jose/EA5YU.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA

Members of the North of Peninsular Malaysia ARA Boys Contest n' DXers will be active as 9M2M (old call 9M2SM) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via 9M2GET. Oper- ators mentioned are Afiq/9W2AHU, Ahmad/9M2AGC, Hairil/9M2GET, Han/9W2SBD, Mohamad/9W2SBL, Mohd/9W2MNW, Oja/9M2OUT, Rizal/9M2RDX, Syed/9M8SYA, Weerut/9W2RUT and Zaki/9M2ZAK.

E5/S, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Jacek, SP5EAQ, will be active from **Rarotonga (OC-013**, WLOTA 0971) starting October 19th for two weeks. His callsign is not known yet. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). QSL via SP7DQR, by the Bureau, direct or an OQRS on the following Web page. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. For more details and updates, see:

http://e5.sp5drh.com/index.html

E5/S, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Haru, JA1XGI, informs OPDX that he will be active as E51XGI from South Cook Islands between December 3-10th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via JA1XGI and an OQRS. More details and Web page are forthcoming.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Jeff, N6GQ, will be active from the Canary Islands during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-OpAll-Band/ High-Power entry using two radios (SO2R) with monobanders antennas. His callsign was not provided. QSL via LoTW.

FS, ST. MARTIN

Operators John/K9EL, Paul/K9NU, John/W9ILY and Guy/VE2BWL will be active as TO1E from **French Saint Martin (NA-105**, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL route TBA. Activity before and after the contest by the team will be holiday style on the HF bands using FS/homecalls. QSL via the operator's home callsign.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN

Operators Roman/DL3TU and Uwe/DL4AAE will once again be active as HB0/DL3TU/p and HB0/DL4AAE/p during the second half of September or early October. Weather permitting, they will attempt to operate Field Day style from the summit Augstenberg (2359 meters A.S.L.) using CW only with an emphasis on Asia. They will have with them delta loop antennas and Vertical Dipole Arrays (VDAs) for the bands from 20m to 10m. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau. For updates and details, visit Roman's Web page at:

http://www.dl3tu.darc.de

HS0, THAILAND

Operators Bob/HS0ZIA and Peter/HS0ZKX will be active as HS0ZIA during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Multi-Op/Single- TX/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

II4, ITALY (Special Event)

The ARI branch of Fidenza (Italy), in collabor- ation with Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will be active on June 6th and 7th, during the Museum Ships Weekend Event with the callsign II4MB. This is also to commemorate the great Mr. Maurizio Bigazzi who recently passed away and was an unbelievable estimator of G. Marconi. Aim of this event is to highlight at an international level the historical value and meaning of the Yacht "Elettra", the moving laboratory of the great Italian sci- entist, onboard of which a number of very important experiments on the radio communications were conducted. Over the whole weekend, the radio amateurs of the A.R.I. Fidenza group will operate a radio station located close to the relict keel of the yacht "Elettra" kept at the Museum and will ideally give new life to its "voice", allowing the radioamateurs overall in the world to get in contact with it.

IOTA NEWS

AS-084. Han, DS2GOO, will be active as DS2GOO/4 from **Sangch'uja Island** in the Cheju-Do Province between May 27-29th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. It will be a low power, dipoles and vertical antennas operation. QSL via DS2GOO, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-010. Chris, GM3WOJ, will be active as GM7V from **Benbecula Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/DXpedition/Mixed-Mode entry. QSL via N3SL.

EU-092. Dave, GM0LVI, will be active as homecall/p from Tanera Mor (IOSA SC10, SCOTIA CN32, WAB NB90), **Summer Isles**, between July 25-31st. Activity will be on the HF Bands and in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op entry. Dave will be using a KX3, with various GPs and a Buddistick. QSL via GM0LVI, by the Bureau, direct to or LoTW.

EU-120. Ed, GW3SQX, will be active as G7O from **Isle of Wight** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/ 12-HRS entry. QSL via GW3SQX.

EU-123. A joint operation with the members of the Sheffield & District Wireless Society, Worksop ARS and the 93 Contest Group will be active as GM5TO from **Isle of Arran**, on the Seal Shore campsite, Kildonan (WW. Loc. IO75KK) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). Outside the contest they will be active as GM2AS (Sheffield DX Group) between July 23-26th. QSL via G3PHO for both callsigns. NO EQSL, NO LOTW and NO CLUBLOG. Operators mentioned are Peter/G3PHO, Mike/G0NEY, David/G8EQD, YL Krystyna/ 2E0KSH, M6JIJ, Steve/G0EAK, YL Sue/M6XAK, Peter/M0PJO, David/ M0GDX, David/M5DWI and John/G4LKD. For more details and updates, see:

http://www.sheffieldwireless.org/2014/12/islands-on-the-air-iota-contest-2015/

EU-128. Jan, DG8HJ, will once again be active as DG8HJ/p from **Fehmarn Island** (DID/GIA O-001, WLOTA 0637) between July 18th and August 3rd. Activity will be on the HF bands and in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

EU-144. While Dino Island was suspended, the IOTA committee approved 3 new entries for

the same group and one of them, **Scoglio Mantineo ("Mantineo Rock")** will soon be on the air! Members of the Calabria DX Team and ARI Vibo Valentia, cooperating with DxCoffee, will be at Mantineo Rock on May 23, 2015, with a small group of operators (Alex/IK8YFU, Pasquale/IZ8IYX, Domenico/IZ8BAD, Costantino/IZ8EPX, Davide/IZ8ESX and Domenico/IW8RAO). The Callsign will be ID8/IQ8HP and this activity will count for Italian Island Award (IIA K-019) too. QSL via IW8PQ (by the Bureau or direct).

EU-145. Operators Colin/G3VCQ (CT7ACG), Andy/M0GAV and possibly others will activate **Culatra Island** (DIA AI-01, DIP AL-001) in the Algarve Province of Portugal during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). They will use the special callsign CR5CW from the the Cabo de Santa Maria Lighthouse (ARLHS POR-013, DFFA FA-06, DFP FAL06, WLOTA 0144), located in the Parque Natural da Ria Formosa (WWFF CTFF-007). QSL via CT7ACG.

NA-168. Karl, KD5LCP, will be active as KD5LCP/p from **Grand Isle** (USI LA-003S, Jefferson County, LA) between June 27-28th. Activity will be holiday style (fishing trip), so operations will be sporatic on CW transmitting QRP. QSL via his home callsign.

OC-139. Rob, VK4AAC, will once again be active as VK4AAC/5 from **Kangaroo Island** (WLOTA 0869) between June 1st and August 25th. Activity will be on 40/20 meters SSB. Rob will also try to activate Flinders Chase National Park (WWFF VKFF-173), Dudley CP (VKFF-809), Kelly Hill CP (VKFF-810) and Vivonne Bay CP (VKFF-811). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct (see QRZ.com) **SA-069**. Operators Domingo/CE1DY, Erik/CE1OEB, Marco/CE1TBN, Pablo/ CE1UMY and Nicolas/XQ1KZ will be active as XR1T from **Santa Maria Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Activity will be on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL via CE3OP.

J3, GRENADA

Just a reminder! By the time you read this, operators YL Anna/W6NN and Rich/KE1B will be active as J38NN and J38MM, respectively, from **Grenada (NA-024**, WLOTA 0718) until May 31st. Activity will probably be "holiday-style" using a single station with 100w and a Buddipole antenna system. Operations will be on all bands 40-10 meters (including 30/17/12m), and all modes (CW/SSB/RTTY). If they have Internet access, they will probably upload logs to ClubLog daily. You can check your QSO status and request a QSL card via the Online QSL Request System (OQRS). Direct QSLs are via their home callsign (see **QRZ.com** for details). Also, by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

JW, SVALBARD

Eric, LA2US, will once again be active from the Arctic. Look for him to sign JW2US from **Hopen Island (EU-063)** sometime during the first week in June, and he will stay for 6 month. Eric states, "I will be operational on CW on/around IOTA frequencies or at the lower band edges. This is a spare time operation - no DXpedition, and as I will be working very odd hours, I'd rather not do any skeds. I'll be in the shack when work and other tasks permit." His recommended way to request a JW2US QSL card (for Bear Isl. or Hopen Isl.) is via the OQRS on ClubLog, both direct and by the Bureau. Mail to QSL Manager LA2US will be answered after December 2015.

KH6, HAWAII

Tim, N3QE, will be active as N3QE/KH6 from the **Island of Maui (OC-019**, USI HI-018S,

WLOTA 0636) between July 28th and August 3rd. Activity will be focused on the North American CW QSO Party (August 1-2nd). Outside the contest Tim's activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW.

KH7, ALASKA (IOTA Op!)

Jeff, KL2HD, informs OPDX he will be working on Amchitka Island, **Aleutian Islands (NA-070)**, between June 9-11th, and Adak Island (NA-039) between June 18-21st. This is not a dedicated DX- pedition, but he hopes to operate in evenings after work which will determine his on-air time. He plans to operate as KL2HD/p (from Adak) or KL7NWR (from Amchitka). He thinks 20m or 17m SSB are most likely. Jeff will use 100w and a homebrew adjustable quarterwave vertical on the ocean. If he can fit a 500w amp into his luggage, he will take. QSL via KL2HD.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Kim, OH6KZP, will be active as OH0X from Aland Island during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry. QSL via OH2TA.

P4, ARUBA

Andy, AE6Y, will once again be active as P49Y from **Aruba (SA-036)** during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/ All-Band (or Single-Band [40m]) entry. QSL via LoTW or AE6Y.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 25-31st)

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May/25th AN      May/28th  AN      May/30th  AN
May/26th AN      May/29th  AN      May/31st  AN
May/27th AN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE

http://www.bandconditions.com

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (May 17th and 24th)
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3Z9K via SP9EZM            EM300WLP via UT3WJ     PA45FREEDOM via PD7YY
3B8/EA5IDQ via EA5IDQ      G3M via G0VVE          PC6LC via PA9F
4L4X via 4L1BR             HF20RCW via SP3PWL     PE45FREE via PD7YY
4L8A via K1BV and (L)      HF77TG via SP5PPK      PI4WBR via PA3FTX
5Z0L via 5Z0L              HF80MCI via SQ9MCI     R120AP via RO6L
8P9EE via K2HVN            HF9LOS via SQ9CWO      R120K via R7AB
9A/DF2AJ via DF2AJ         IE9B via IU5BLZ        R120N via R7NA
A41KJ via NI5DX            IG9/UT6UA via UT6UA    SB0A via SM0LPO
A91WTIS via IZ8CLM         II2MM via IQ2CF        SG5G via SM5ILE
AO150ITU via EA3RKF        II5COTA via IZ4SUC     SM7/DK3PZ via DK3PZ
AX5PAS via M0OXO           IR6ANA via IK6DEN      SN72GETTO via SP5PDB
AX7CW via VK7CW            IU4BFU via IQ4FA       SP9/DJ7ZO via DJ7ZO
C37ITU via C3-Bureau       J8/PE1IGM via PA3C     SV0XCA/5 via SV0XCA (d)
CE1TT via EA5KB            J8/PE1ITM via PE1ITM   SV5/DL3DRN via DL3DRN
CN8QN via EA7FTR           LX/ON4WRC via ON4ON    SV9/OE2UKL via OE2UKL
CT9/G4OOE/P via G4OOE      LZ17SOZ via LZ1QN      T88HR via JH1MLO
CW150ITU via CX1AA         LZ2015KM via LZ1BJ     T88TJ via JR1FKR
CY0/VA1AXC via JE1LET (d)  MJ/ON6EF via ON6EF     T88UN via JH1UVV
D3AM via UA1QV             N2L via W2GSB          TC1919ATA via TA6P
DM700BURG via DF1XC        OE6MBG via EB7DX       TM2BIG via F4FET
DR125HLK via DL1XAS        OK8WW via OM2FY        TM5U via ON8AZ
E51DLD via W6HB            OK8YM via DL5YM        TM72BST via F6KFI
E6ZS via JA2ZS             OM20OTC via OM3MB      TM90REF via F6BEE
EA5/DL5EO via DL5EO        OS0S via ON4ZD (L)     UE110L via RQ7L
EA6/DF7XE via DF7XE        OT7G via ON5MA         UM100RU via UK8AR
EA7/ON4LO/P via ON4LO      OU0POLIO via OZ1ACB    UN9GD via DL8KAC
ED7P via EA7PP             OU25AEI via OZ7AEI     UN9LW via DL8KAC
EF0F via EA4URE            OX/KZ8E via KZ8E (d)   VI2ANZAC via VK1WIA
EF5T via EA5HT             OZ/DK1DU via DK1DU     YP7ARDF via YO7KFX
EF8U via EA8URL (L)        OZ/PA0VHA via PA0VHA   YT45FD via YT5FD
EH1OLA via EA1UVR          OZ/PA2A via PA2A       ZX1X via PY1MX
EI/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA       OZ/PA2VMA via PA2VMA   ZZ7ZZ via PR7AR
EI100MFA via EI4GZB & (L)  OZ150ITU via OZ0J
EJ9FBB via EI9FBB          PA125VVG via PA1CPA
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (*-B) DX's- Bureau
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (L) LoTW only
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QSL 4U150ITU via 4U1ITU. Activity was by members of the International Amateur Radio Club 4U1ITU in Geneva to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on May 17th by using the special callsign 4U150ITU. ITU Secretary General Houlin Zhao will sign all QSL cards. On May 17, 1865, the first International Telegraph Convention was signed, and the ITU was created.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 1A0C, 3W3B, 8P6DR, 9A5W, 9K2K, AM890OM, BD9XE, CE2AWW, CN2AA, EF3EGB, HA7GN, HB0/HB9AON, HI3T, HK1MW, HK3W, J35X, KH7XX, LY7A, LZ90IARU, MD0CCE, MU0FAL, OA4O, OH0TA, OK1BP, OM5FM, P4/DL6RAI, PY5FB, R120BN, SK3W, SV1EBV, TO5/N4YDU, UA4LCH, VP2MLL, VP2V/N2IEN, WP2Z, XE2DV, XU7TZG, YB4IR/7 (OC-252), YB4IR/7 (OC-269), YB4IR/8, YF1AR/2 (OC-186), YV5EAH, YV5YMA, YW5PI, YW5X, ZL4PW and ZW5B

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5T0ITU, 5T0JL, 5T1FOC, C21EU, FT4TA, FW5JJ,

JA6TBE/6 (AS-037), K1N, RI1ANT, RI1ANZ, S01WS, TZ6BB, UK8OAR, V63MJ, VA3IED, VP2ETE and ZL7E

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5C5T, DM9EE, FG8NY, HC2/SM6MCW, OP4K, OZ/OK1NG, S50O, YL4YQ, ZS6EZ, ZZ80CE and ZZ80RN

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS (Update)

If you have not heard, the SV2/YL7A operation is not going to take place. Kostas, SV1DPI, who talked with SV2ASP/A reported on May 19th:

> "Monk Apollo is outside Mount Athos, working with the olives, but he offered himself to ask Holy Council and inform us about the operation. The official news is that Holy Council prohibited the entrance of the YL guys in Mount Athos because they announced a Ham Radio operation without a license from Holy Council. The YL guys have a visa to enter Mount Athos this morning as pilgrims but NOT a license to operate. After this they can not enter in Mount Athos either as pilgrims."

The latest news is that the team was on their way home on May 21st. The complete details are now online at:

http://www.lral.lv/exped/sv2/yl7a

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI

Ken, KH6QJ, will once again be active as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge, Kiritimati **(Christmas Island) [OC-024]** between June 3-8th. Operators Richie/VK8RR and Paula/VK8ZI will be joining Ken and hope to apply for their T32 callsigns soon. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via KH6QJ. All other callsigns go via VK8RR.

T48/T49, CUBA

Two special Cuban callsign will be activated during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st):

> **T49A** - will be operated by Douglas/CO8DM as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C.
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> **T48K** - Raúl/CO8ZZ will be operating T48K (Las Tunas Contest Crew official callsign) as a Single-Op/Assisted/Low-Power entry. QSL via DK1WI.

Both operators are members of "Grupo DX de Cuba" which will be celebrating their 35th anniversary next September with a few activations.

VC2, CANADA

Victor, VA2WA, will use the special prefix/callsign VC2W during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power (A) entry. This callsign is only valid for those 2 days. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

VO1, CANADA

Mike, VE9AA/VE1TTT/VO1TTT, will be active as VO1TTT during the the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Activity outside of the contest will be on

160-6 meters. There will be very limited 6m operations from Grid Sq. GN37 before the contest. Mike states, "However I am driving through many VE9, VE1 and VO1 grids on May 25/26th and June 1/2nd. Will run CW beacon on 50.095 MHz when possible." QSL via VE3IKV.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT (Update)

Operators Barry/N0KV, Ken/W0ETT, Greg/W0ZA and Jim/WD0E will be active as VP2MKV from Gingerbread Hill, St. Peters (grid square FK86), between June 10-18th. Activity will be on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also participate in the ARRL VHF Contest and some **satellite operations (FO-29 only on selected passes)**. The two primary radios will be Elecraft K3's with 500 watt amplifiers. Antennas include a Mosley Classic 33 on 10/15/20, a folding hexbeam by Folding Antennas (Germany) on 20-10 meters, verticals on 30 and 40 meters, a dipole on 75-80 meters, and an M2 5 element 6 meter beam. They will run 500 watts on 6m SSB/CW and FSK441. A 6 meter beacon is planned and will be on 50.102 MHz when the station is not manned, and the receiver will be active between beacon transmissions to listen for calls. The primary callsign for the operation will be VP2MKV, and VP2MTT will probably be used on 6 meters. Near 24 hour operation is planned.

Tentative satellite pass plan for VP2MKV operation: They will attempt to be on the first two FO-29 ascending node passes June 11th through 20th. If time allows they may be on the third ascending node those days. Those passes happen in late morning to mid afternoon Montserrat time. On those passes they will look first for South America when the satellite is south of them, then North America, then Europe during the short mutual window. If there are 2 meter or 6 meter terrestrial openings during the VHF contest June 13th and 14th, they will not be on satellite at those times.

Logs will be uploaded to LoTW soon after the group returns to the US. Paper QSLs via N0KV, direct or via the bureau. US addressees send SASE; addressees outside the US send SASE plus 2 USDs for return postage. Use of ClubLog has not been finalized at this time. Additional information will be posted under VP2MKV on **QRZ.com**.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT

Lu, W4LT, will be active as VP2MLU from Montserrat between July 8-17th. Activity will be holiday style as a one man DX- pedition with low power and low antennas. He will be active in the 2015 IARU HF Contest (July 11-12th) as a Single-Op/Mixed-Mode entry. His rig will be a Kenwood TS590s into a Carolina Windom 80LP and/or Original S9v 31ft Vertical mounted on the veranda railing. QSL via W4LT, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

W4DXCC DX & CONTEST CONTEST

The W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention is the South East's largest and best attended ham radio event for 10 years running. It is located at the MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, September 25-26th, 2015. A full schedule of popular presenters speak on DX and Contest subjects throughout the main convention with prize drawings between pre- senters, drinks and snacks included. Equipment manufacturers are on hand to demonstrate new products and answer your equipment questions face to face. A banquet rounds out the day where the grand prizes are drawn.

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http://www.W4DXCC.com

--- Thank You in Advance, Dave Anderson, K4SV

XW, LAOS

Champ, E21EIC, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as XW1IC from Vientiane between May 29th and June 1st. His activity will include the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st). QSL via E21EIC and LoTW. XW1IC has a log search and an OQRS available on ClubLog.

Z2, ZINBABWE

Operators Petr/OK1FCJ, Pavel OK1FPS and David/OK6DJ will be active as Z21MG from Zimbabwe between September 18-30th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, and the Digital modes. They also plan to be active in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 26-27th). QSL via OK6DJ, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW or eQSL. For more details and updates, see:

http://www.cdxp.cz

ZA, ALBANIA

Henning, OZ1BII, will be active as ZA/OU2I from Durres between May 26th and June 2nd. His activity will include the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. His equipment will be a Elecraft K3, a Diamond BB7V vertical plus a balun and some wires. Hopefully, some sort of Long Wire antenna. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog, eQSL and LoTW. QSL via direct to his home address or LoTW (preferred). For more details and updates, see:

http://oz1bii.dk/dx-za2ee.htm

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